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Cheryl Samborski
Christian Sauer
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Student Representative
Steven Villanova

November 26, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Joe Boucher, Dennis Kayhart, Christian Sauer, Rhonda Villanova, Cheryl Samborski, John Chandler, Sara Landon, John Takach, Ted Graziani

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of last meeting minutes: Chris 1st, Dennis 2nd

Chris noted error in last meeting minutes: "Next meeting date" should have been 11/26/19.

With correction noted, meeting minutes approved.

New business: The WAA signs are up around town, including the (4) new ones. There is a two-sided sign at Casey's. It was noted that maybe next year we should have two-sided signs to see from both directions in the new locations. Real estate size signs may also be an option for next year. Cheryl suggested using Quad Graphics in Somers for new signs. Flyers were placed, along with postcard-size notices in multiple businesses, banks, and restaurants around town.

Veteran's Day observances were well-received. A video from EHS was sent out earlier in the day from Principal Guidry.

Flag retrieval was completed by the Boy Scouts per John Takach.

Cemetery Ceremony, 11:00 on 11/11 went well along with rededication of the Veteran Memorial Monument restored by the American Legion. It was mentioned that the emblems were refurbished from the previous monument for the new one.

Wreath Orders are currently at 192. The goal is 450. The deadline to order is December 4th.

Bruce had a check from the American Legion to order wreaths. They are still offering the Buy 2 Get 1 deal although some orders didn't get the 1 extra. John T. will check with Bruce to see if there is a way to correct that.

The committee discussed using some of the AHPC budget (currently \$4700) to buy some wreaths. If approved to buy 50, including free ones, the committee would buy 34 wreaths for \$510 – which would get us to 51 wreaths total.

A motion was made to commit \$510 to purchase 34 wreaths (51 total with free option) John C. 1st, Chris 2nd - motion approved.

John C. will call Finance Dept for approval to use the funds from the AHPC budget.

Joe B. asked where the wreaths will be delivered this year. Department of Public Works received them last year and Joe, Chris and Dennis moved boxes to the cemetery. It was suggested to touch base with Tim Webb to make sure to do the same as last year, it worked well.

The Boy Scouts, Fire Department and Town Hall are spreading the word on social media. Rhonda will post reminders on FB sites for deadline to order.

Thomas Landscaping was paid \$250 last year to clean up after WAA. They did that cleanup along with the usual "end of season" cleaning. The fee covers the additional clean-up necessary with all the wreaths.

John C. volunteered to collect the WAA signs the day after the ceremony, December 15th.

John C. asked how does Chris Davis know to attend? Joe B. offered to call Chris Davis or send an invitation to him and State Rep. Champagne, and State Senator Anwar.

Rhonda will send out the script for the WAA ceremony to committee members.

John T. will bring the PA system to the cemetery.

Dennis said Al Levandosky found another place to buy medallions for \$35 (vs \$50 ea).

Motion to adjourn: Joe Boucher 1st; John C. 2nd

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Next mtg: December 10, 2019, location Town Hall Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

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